

# THLA NEWS



## What is CLINICAL RESEARCH?

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Monday, April 6, 1998

Mount Sinai Hospital

600 University Avenue (south of Queen's Park subway)

10th floor classroom, near main elevators

6:00 pm Light Refreshments

6:30 pm Program

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*The mind,  
once expanded to  
the dimensions of larger  
ideas, never returns  
to its original size.*

*- Oliver Wendell Holmes  
(1809-1984)*

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# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Included with this newsletter is a **Nomination Form** for THLA Executive Officers. Following are the position descriptions. If you would like more information or a copy of a specific position, please contact Colleen Mulloy, Past President, THLA at 416-601-7964.

## THLA PRESIDENT-ELECT

**Constitution:** The President Elect shall act in the absence of the President, assist the President in the performance of duties, act as Program Coordinator, and perform other duties as assigned by the Executive.

### *Specific Duties*

#### **1. THLA leadership**

- assumes the President's responsibilities in the President's absence or as specifically requested

#### **2. Programme planning**

- acts as Chair of the Program Planning Committee
- arranges the programmes for each Chapter meeting, including the December holiday party and the annual May banquet
- ensures that programs have an educational component and that CE courses are offered as appropriate
- initiates contact with speakers
- arranges introductory and thank-you speeches, gifts or honoraria
- writes thank-you letters to speakers and presenters
- liaises with meeting location hosts, arranges appropriate space, refreshments, etc.
- solicits sponsors for the banquet and CE courses

#### **3. Position documentation**

- documents current procedures for executing these duties

**Please Note:** This is a three year commitment, since the President-Elect continues to sit on the Executive two more years, one as President, and one as Past President.

## PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The existence of the Program Planning Committee was initiated at the THLA Executive meeting of December 5, 1994. Its purpose is to assist the President Elect with program arrangements and meeting details. The committee's term will be for one year, following the annual general meeting.

If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Colleen Mulloy for more information.

## THLA PRESIDENT (Position Filled)

### *Specific Duties*

- THLA leadership and direction (general)
- THLA leadership and direction (Executive Committee)
- Public relations (CHLA/ABSC Board liaison)
- Public relations (general)

## THLA PAST PRESIDENT (Position Filled)

### *Specific Duties*

- Nominations and elections
- Records retention
- Public relations
- Program planning assistance as needed

## SECRETARY (Position Filled)

### *Specific Duties*

- Documentation of Executive meetings and General Meetings
- Maintenance of official Chapter documents
- Public relations

## TREASURER (Position Filled)

### *Specific Duties*

- Management of finances
- Maintains records of financial transactions and produces year-end financial statement
- Coordinates with Secretariat on matters relating to membership and payments

## NEWSLETTER TEAM (Positions Filled)

### *Specific Duties*

- Solicits and gathers content and ads for publication in THLA NEWS
- Prepares each issue for publication and arranges for printing
- Devises editorial and advertising policies in consultation with the THLA Executive



## WHITHER THLA?

I'm worried about this organization. Thirteen members attended the last general meeting. The weather was clement (enough), the site was in the downtown core (Mt. Sinai) and the speaker was a dynamic doctor who spoke simply but eloquently of his peace missions, building bridges between nations using hearing aids for children and CME for physicians as conduits of peace. (See page 6 for the report.) I came away feeling I'd met an unsung Canadian hero. And it was free (or part of one's membership dues, if you will). Where was everybody?? This is not meant to be a lecture, but an exhortation. Please come out to THLA meetings in recognition of the fine organizational efforts made by the Executive.

If anyone has any suggestions on how to drum up more interest, please contact any member of the Executive or write or e-mail a Letter to the Editor. What about scheduling meetings for different weeknights, i.e., other than the "traditional" Monday?

In recent years it has been increasingly difficult to find people willing to serve on the Executive. Please note the "Call for Nominations" in this issue and consider submitting a nomination for the position of President-Elect. This position involves a 3-year commitment; we need someone who is willing to help shepherd the association through these difficult times. Please respond and keep THLA alive.

- Colleen Mulloy, Past-President

## THLA/CONSORTIUM UNION LIST UPDATE

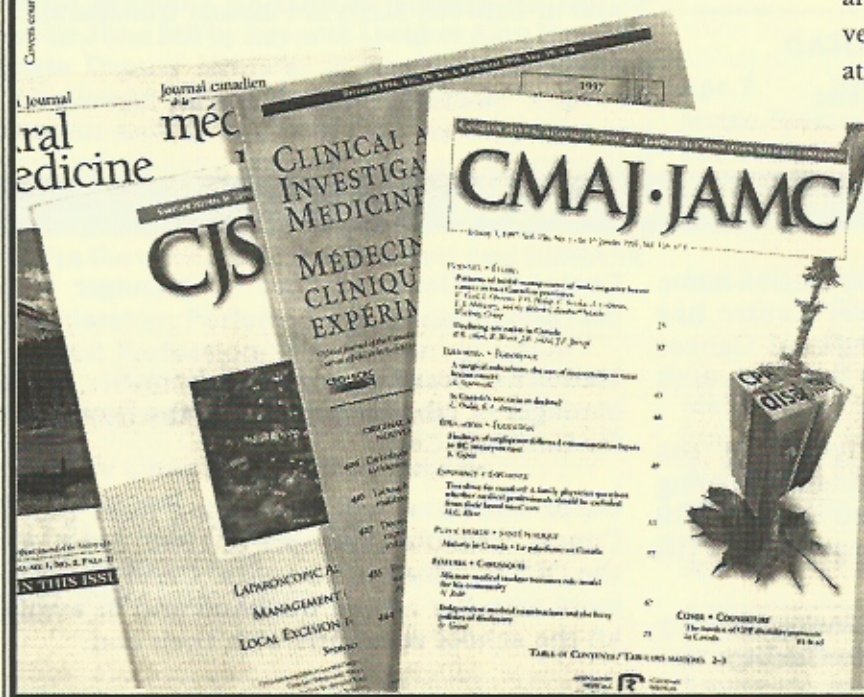
No revised edition of the Union List has been published since the 12th edition in May, 1996. The committee responsible for the List is well aware of the inconvenience this has caused. They have decided to take advantage of a new service offered by CISTI, whereby CISTI can generate a union list for the Consortium from records in SERHOLD at a very reasonable price.

CISTI will do the inputting for all participating libraries on a regular basis, at a cost of between 20 and 35¢ per record. For the first year, at least, the cost of updating holdings will be borne by the Consortium, since the Consortium Assistant has traditionally done this work in-house. The Union List Committee has recommended that updates be coordinated through the Consortium Office.

One drawback of going the CISTI route is that the deadline for holdings updates has been missed in order to receive a union list this year. In order to tide everyone over until an updated list from SERHOLD can be generated, the committee has proposed the creation of a supplement, containing three lists: titles that libraries have cancelled since the last edition; title changes; and titles for which new subscriptions have been started since the last edition.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Scott at (416) 978-6359; e-mail: SCOTTL@library.utoronto.ca

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## 3.14...(π)

Pi is transcendental.

The endless number cannot be expressed by any algebraic equation.

No pattern has been found in its digits,

Yet it cannot be proven in a finite amount of time that no pattern exists in an infinite number of digits.

Pi goes beyond our reality.

The nonexistence of humans would not preclude the existence of pi.

For the circle will always exist

In the shape and orbit of a planet,

In the path of a wave.

And where there is a circle, there is pi

Intrinsically embedded in it.

Pi is mysterious;

It evades all attempts of capture.

It is a line of digits like an endless snake that you can keep pulling at without ever reaching its tail.

Pi is perfect;

Each seemingly random digit is exactly where it belongs.

Whether a circle is as big as the universe,

Or as small as a quark,

Its diameter fits around its boundary exactly pi times.

Because pi is found in waves, every color, every sound is an expression of pi.

Because pi is found in circles, the moon, the sun, every planet, and every star is an expression of pi.

Because pi is found in each atom, pi is present in all physical sensation.

Pi is absolute beauty.

-by Eve A. Andersson

## WEB HEALTH WATCH

**MedWeb: Biomedical Resources** ([www.emory.edu/WHSC/medweb.html](http://www.emory.edu/WHSC/medweb.html)) is a collection of medical links compiled by the Emory University Health Science Library. It serves as an all-purpose information resource for health science professionals: Homepages for various hospitals world-wide; web-accessible information on various pathologies; treatment centres; career opportunities; conferences, etc. One of its most useful features is that a large number of these categories are grouped geographically. However, its 'default' options are not well explained and are somewhat hard to understand. In addition, the graphics sometimes make reading the text a bit difficult. This site is in the process of major renovation and we look forward to a more streamlined product in the near future.

**Doctor's Guide to the Internet** ([www.docguide.com](http://www.docguide.com)) "...was designed to help physicians cost-effectively harness the resources of the Internet and the World Wide Web." This goal seems to have been fulfilled with almost seamless transitions between pages which nevertheless, let the user know exactly where they are in the system. Directly from the homepage, a well-organized 'site map' is available. From this index, it is possible to choose from one of nine general categories or from one of 25 pathologies. If none of the categories is satisfactory for the particular search, four search engines are provided.

**Doctor's Guide to Medical Conferences** and meetings ([www.pslgroup.com/MEDCONF.HTM](http://www.pslgroup.com/MEDCONF.HTM))\* is directly linked to the Doctor's Guide to the Internet homepage. From this site it is possible: to view conferences by subject or by date/location; to search the conference database; and even add to the event database. Like all other direct links from the Doctor's Guide to the Internet Homepage, information is easily accessible and in-between-steps are almost transparent.

[www.ugcs.caltech.edu/~eveander/poem2.html](http://www.ugcs.caltech.edu/~eveander/poem2.html)

Websites evaluated by Mary Robinson

## FACES & PLACES

**Doreen Millman-Wilson** reports an institution name change. The Bayview Regional Cancer Centre has become the Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre, Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation Library.

**Marietta Forster-Haberer** is no longer at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine Learning Resources Centre. She can be reached at 928-6729 or via e-mail: [erich.haberer@utoronto.ca](mailto:erich.haberer@utoronto.ca), "FOR MARIETTA."

**Linda Devore**, formerly of the Sidney Liswood Library at Mount Sinai Hospital, has moved to the Baycrest

Centre for Geriatric Care as Manager of Library Services.

**Madeline Grant** has retired from her position as Manager of Library Services at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

**Carol Morrison** will be retiring from the Ontario Cancer Institute after April 3, 1998. She has been at the OCI for close to 19 years. Carol plans to travel more with her retired husband and be available for all the school vacations with their son.



# CONTINUING EDUCATION / UPCOMING EVENTS

## Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto Continuing Education Courses

For more info, contact Marcia Chen (416) 978-7111; Fax: (416) 971-1399; e-mail: [conted@fis.utoronto.ca](mailto:conted@fis.utoronto.ca); or [www.fis.utoronto.ca](http://www.fis.utoronto.ca). FIS courses cost from \$85 - \$395. There is a discount for early registration.

Mar.23 -May4	Current Awareness Services on the Net (via the Internet)
Mar.27	Evaluating RM Software
Mar.27	Making Sense of Making Dollars
Apr.3	Bibliographic Software: An Overview
Apr.17	Electronic Document Management
Apr.17	Internet Basics
Apr.24	Cataloguing Internet Resources (videoconference)
Apr.24	Introduction to Networking and LANs
May 1	Creating Documents for the WWW
May 1	Teleworking: Meeting the Needs of Employees and their Organization
May 8	Librarians as Knowledge Leaders (videoconference)
May 8	Advanced Search Tools for the Web
May 14,15	Websites: Planning, Implementation and Management

May 15	Electronic Records Management
Jun.5	Internet Basics
Jun.19	Creating Documents for the WWW
Jun.26	Advanced Search Tools for the Web
Jun.31	Advanced Search Tools for the Web

The following are approved for the **Certificate in Continuing Studies in Internet Business and Technology**. Costs range from \$355 to \$522.

Mar.28-Apr.25	Entrepreneurial Skills for Internet Consultants
Mar.28-Apr.25	Internet Search and Retrieval Strategies
Apr.8-29	Introduction to VRML
May 2-Jun.27	How to Succeed Using the Internet Channel for Business
May 2-Jun.27	An Overview of Internet Technologies
May 4-Jun.29	Web Site Implementation and Management
May 6-Jun.10	Creation and Management Tools for a Dynamite Website
May 7-Jun.25	Effective Project Management
May 7-Jun.25	Strategies for a Web Presence

## CONFERENCES

**MLA: Visions of the Future, Reflections on the Past**  
May 23-27, 1998, Philadelphia, PA  
[www.mlanet.org/am/mla98.html](http://www.mlanet.org/am/mla98.html)

### CHLA/ABSC: Capitalizing on Information

June 5-10, 1998, Ottawa/Hull  
[www.uottawa.ca/library/health/chla98](http://www.uottawa.ca/library/health/chla98)

The 22nd annual CHLA/ABSC conference will be opened on June 8th by keynote speaker Alan Nymark, Associate Deputy Minister of Health. The program will challenge delegates to critically appraise information and its sources; discuss copyright and library advocacy; and manage information proactively. CE courses include: evidence-based healthcare; benchmarking; QuickDoc; reinventing yourself in the workplace; the Internet; and EMBASE.

### SLA: Leadership, Performance, Excellence: Information Professionals in the Driver's Seat

June 6-11, 1998, Indianapolis, IN  
[www.sla.org/conf\\_meet/sneak.html](http://www.sla.org/conf_meet/sneak.html)

### CLA: Reality Check: Seductive Futures, Sobering Present

June 17-21, 1998, Victoria, BC  
[www.yonahs.com/cia98](http://www.yonahs.com/cia98)  
[www.cla.amlibs.ca/conf.htm](http://www.cla.amlibs.ca/conf.htm)

## Consumer Health Information Service Metro Toronto Reference Library

CHIS hosts free health education presentations at 789 Yonge Street.

Apr.15 **Food, Mood & Stress Management**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Speaker: Aileen Burford-Mason, BSc, PhD, medical researcher, health and wellness councillor, advisor on healthcare issues

## CASLIS and SLA - Toronto Chapters

Apr.7 **Infopartnering**  
Metro Reference Library, 5:30 pm  
For more information, contact  
CASLIS: Mary Cordeiro, (905) 339-0856;  
[www.ualberta.ca/~thornley/events.html](http://www.ualberta.ca/~thornley/events.html)

Apr.16 **International Special Libraries Day  
Thistle Stew, Kangaroo Rides and  
Iconic Alphabets:  
Evolution of the Unlikely**  
Metro Reference Library, 4:00-5:30 pm  
For more information, contact  
SLA: Sean Forbes (416) 947-7898;  
[www.infomart.ca/sla/meetings/calendr.html](http://www.infomart.ca/sla/meetings/calendr.html)

Apr.23 Canada Book Day

Compiled by Gaby Fernandes (416) 756-6746  
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## THLA 1998 EVENTS

### **Mon. May 4, 1998 Annual Dinner Meeting**

Sue Johansen will talk on  
Sexuality Through the Lifespan

U of T Faculty Club

Reception: 5:45 pm, Dinner: 6:30 pm

## GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Monday, February 9, 1998

THLA members were on hand to listen to **Dr. Arnold Noyek** speak about **CISEPO** (Canada-International Scientific Exchange Program) and the Peace Initiative. Dr. Noyek is the Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at Mount Sinai Hospital, with a cross-appointment in Medical Imaging and Executive Director of CISEPO.

Dr. Noyek's background lends credence to his belief in internationalism. He is a Jew who was born in Dublin, Ireland, whose grandfather had a history with the IRA. He has had some medical training in New York, and practices in Canada, and has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Noyek spoke passionately in his belief that medical services may be effective tools for peace building in the Middle East. He described many situations in which Jewish, Jordanian, and Palestinian physicians worked together for the benefit of people in the Middle East, despite their nationality.

Canada's role in CISEPO has been to offer physicians of various nationalities an umbrella to work under. For example, Jordanian and Israeli physicians may meet, work, and collaborate without penalty or reprisal.

Continuing education is a vital element of the Peace Initiative, where Dr. Noyek and other physicians will "train the trainers," increase physician skills in the Middle East, and change the attitudes of people by demonstrating they can work together. By taking Academia out of the ivory tower and putting it to work in the field, Dr. Noyek and CISEPO are helping to build bridges between communities.

It was a pleasure to learn about Dr. Noyek, his efforts, and the important role that Canada plays in helping the Peace Initiative happen.

[www.mtsinai.on.ca/9ciseipo.html](http://www.mtsinai.on.ca/9ciseipo.html)

- Marina Englesakis, THLA Secretary



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